

Village of Los Lunas



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More Reasons to Shop Locally for Holidays

The growth of Los Lunas can easily be seen in its population which has gone from about 1,000 in 1970 to slightly more than 10,000 in the 2000 census and which steadily creeps up each year.

The village's commercial growth can be seen by driving on Main Street where many businesses are located. Of course, businesses are located in other places also including Highway 314.

Not only have several of America's larger retailers opened

stores here, but more restaurants, smaller retail establishments and commercial enterprises are now in operation in the greater area of the Village of Los Lunas.

When you're shopping for the holidays, search for what you need, want or desire locally first. As traffic increases in the metropolitan area, you should find it easier to locate the products or service in greater Los Lunas.

The closer it gets to December 25, the more hectic traffic becomes

on the highways and byways of the bigger communities. And if you're shopping for lots of people, if you shop locally then you can return home whenever it's convenient to empty your trunk of all the wonderful gifts.

The choices are many now in the area to shop. Don't hop into your car to make a trip to the big city, but investigate what you can find around here. Then your tax dollar works for you, your family, your friends and your community.

Register to Vote!

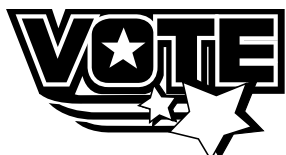
Voters in District One and Three
In the Village of Los Lunas Go To the
Polls March 2 for Council Elections
Primary Election June 2004

General Election November 2004

CALL VALENCIA COUNTY BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

866-2080 FOR INFORMATION

ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE



Grant Will Help Create Transportation Center

The village will receive \$1.23 million from the U. S. Department of Transportation to help create a transportation center that will serve as the center of rail and bus services as well as a park-and-ride facility.

U. S. Sen. Pete V. Domenici announced the award to create the center south of Courthouse Road along the railroad tracks.

Village administrator Phillip Jaramillo pointed out that the center will be the next step in the village's transportation system.

The village council had approached both Domenici and Senator Jeff Bingaman for funding to expand transportation services throughout Valencia County.

Plans are to build a 5,000 square foot facility with shops, village bus stops with shelters, parking and a five-acre park on 18.4 acres of land located south of Courthouse Road and Village Drive.

The plans also include 9,000 square feet for

Main Street Road Work

Main Street was a difficult place to travel this summer and fall because of several projects. During the summer an extensive portion of Main Street was milled and paved. Once this was completed, work on the downtown sewer project resulted in lane closures on Main Street for a few weeks. This was followed by the section of Main Street that had been milled and paved in the summer having to be re-milled and repaved for safety reasons.

The downtown sewer project is an extensive project to replace the deteriorating lines in the older downtown area of Los Lunas. It is a village project.

Main Street is a state highway (Highway 6) so paving projects as well as traffic lights (such as the new light at Los Cerritos and Main) are the responsibility of the New Mexico Transportation Department.

New Phone Numbers

New phone numbers have been placed into service at some village offices. New numbers include:

Main administrative 839-3840 Housing 839-3854

Library 839-3850 Senior Center 839-3853

Fire department (non emergency) 839-3847

The police department's non-emergency number, 865-9130 will remain the same.

Phone numbers for offices on the east side of the Rio Grande, including community services, parks and recreation and transportation, remain the same.

With the transition, you may experience problems reaching someone. Village administrators ask the public's patience.

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The village's current van transportation program delivers people to a variety of destinations. The vans are pictured when delivered a few years ago.

shops, restaurants or office space and a patio cafe.

Jaramillo said that if the money is not sufficient to finish all the buildings then pad sites will be created for future construction.

The village's current transportation program uses vans to deliver passengers to a variety of destinations.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly at the administrative building on Don Pasqual and Main Street. Times and dates are subject to change. Call Debra at 839-3840 to verify. Remaining scheduled 2003 meetings:

November 6 & 20

December 4 & 18 Meetings begin at 6 PM

Agenda Available on Website Public Comment Welcome

The council agenda may be found on the village's web site, www.loslunasnm.gov prior to meetings.

At the meetings, citizens may address their concerns to the council during the public comment period.

Village Offices Closed

Thursday, November 27 - Sunday, November 30
for Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 25 - Sunday, December 28
for Christmas

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*

Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk

Chief of Police Nick Balido

Water Bills Are Late

The village's water department tries to get bills out to customers about the middle of the month. During September and October, the water bills were mailed late in the month which might have created difficulties for people.

The mailing of the bills should be back on the middle-of-the-month schedule with the November bills. The village apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the late mailings.

North Los Lentes Project

Work continues on the North Los Lentes project which extends from Olympic Circle to Camino de Higinio. Included in the project are installation of sewer lines and stubs as well as estate curbs, sidewalks and paving.

Visit the Village Online
www.loslunasnm.gov
This is the village's new website
address so visit soon!

STOP YOUR SHOPPING!!! VISIT SANTA AT SANTA'S PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2003



4:00 PM DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK

1103 HIGHWAY 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS

FREE CANDY STOCKINGS FOR CHILDREN

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE & APPLE CIDER



THE VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

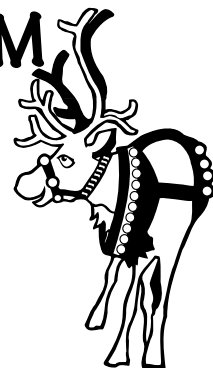
CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE

BE PART OF THE PARADE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF LOS LUNAS 1928- 2003

Saturday, December 6 - 6:30 PM
Begins at Carson Drive
and Main Street

Heads West on Main Street to Los Lunas
Administrative Building at Don Pasqual & Main Street
Call the Parks & Recreation Department 865-2128
for parade information -- speak to Kathy or Mike

NOTE: Carson Drive and Cortez Road will be closed for two hours before the parade



Changes in Gross Receipts Tax Could Come in 2004 Session

When this newsletter went to press, the New Mexico State Legislature had not tackled tax issues which might impact municipalities. The possibility that the legislators would consider taxes was discussed in the Village's October newsletter. The legislature met in special session in October-November.

Legislators said that the tax issues may be examined in the 30-day session which begins January 20, 2004.

Legislators have been considering changing the Gross Receipts Tax statutes. Such changes could impact on municipalities across New Mexico. Municipalities rely on the Gross Receipts Tax for a major part of their revenue.

This newsletter will keep you informed on changes in the taxes which impact municipalities.

District One, Three Voters Go To Polls March 2



Voters in Districts One and Three in the Village of Los Lunas will go to the polls March 2 to vote for a councilor who will represent their district on the council for the next four years.

To the left are maps of Districts One and Three which were created after the 2000 Census. Only people who live within these areas will be able to vote in the 2004 election.

Current councilors for these districts are Cecilia CC Castillo, District One, and Gerard Sais, District Three.

The 2000 Census showed the village's population as slightly over 10,000. Once a New Mexico municipality goes over 10,000 then council seats must be districted rather than councilors running at large.

The March, 2002, election was the first in Los Lunas when councilors ran in districts. In March 2002, District Four Councilor Robert Vialpando and District Two Councilor Charles Griego were elected to those positions. Also elected to four year terms were Mayor Louis F. Huning and Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon.

Only voters in Districts One and Three will be able to vote in March. Voters who live outside of those districts are not eligible to vote in this election.

